GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BHARTIYA SUVIDHA KENDRAS FOR NRIs
Jogi Shri Ajit

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open Bhartiya Suvidha Kendras for NRIs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has set up an Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC) as not-for-profit-trust under the Indian Trust Act, 1882, in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), as a 'one stop shop' for serving the interests of overseas Indians.

The objectives of the Centre are to promote overseas Indian investment into India, establish and maintain a Diaspora Knowledge Network (DKN), function as a clearing house for all investment related information, assist States in India to project investment opportunities to overseas Indians in the infrastructure and social sectors and to provide a host of advisory services to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non Resident Indians (NRIs) on matters such as consular questions, stay in India, investment and financial issues etc.